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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 5/9/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-12,14-16 and 19-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

**MICHAEL C. ZAROLI
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

Michael C. Zaroli

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Seth Natter on 7/25/05. This examiner amendment is being made to overcome new art found in a class not from the class of issue.

The application has been amended as follows: Cancel claims 17 and 18.
Revise claim 16 as shown below.

16. A liquid tight connector for non-metallic flexible electrical conduit, the connector comprising a one-piece thermoplastic body, the body having a cylindrical sleeve ~~and~~ a ferrule skirt overlying at least a portion of the sleeve and a nipple, the nipple being configured to join the coupling to an electrical junction box, a first end of the nipple coinciding with an end of the body and a second end of the nipple positioned intermediate the ends of the body, the body including a transverse flange at the second end of the nipple, the ferrule skirt including a cylindrical inner wall, the inner wall of the ferrule skirt and the sleeve defining a channel dimensioned to accommodate an end portion of a length of flexible non-metallic electrical conduit, a buttress thread projecting radially inwardly from the inner wall of the ferrule skirt into the channel and extending axially along the channel, the buttress thread being dimensioned to engage the outer surface of the end portion of the selected length of conduit, whereby rotation of the coupling relative to the conduit retentively seals the end portion of the selected length of conduit in the channel.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Reasons for allowance of all the claims were given in the previous office action. The combination in claim 16 specifically the nipple connected to the junction box and the transverse flange at the opposite end of the nipple.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should

preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled

“Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The references cited on the PTO-892 were all found in class 285, which is not the class of issue.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Zarroli whose telephone number is 571-272-2101. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 to 3:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, T.C. Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 39. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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